



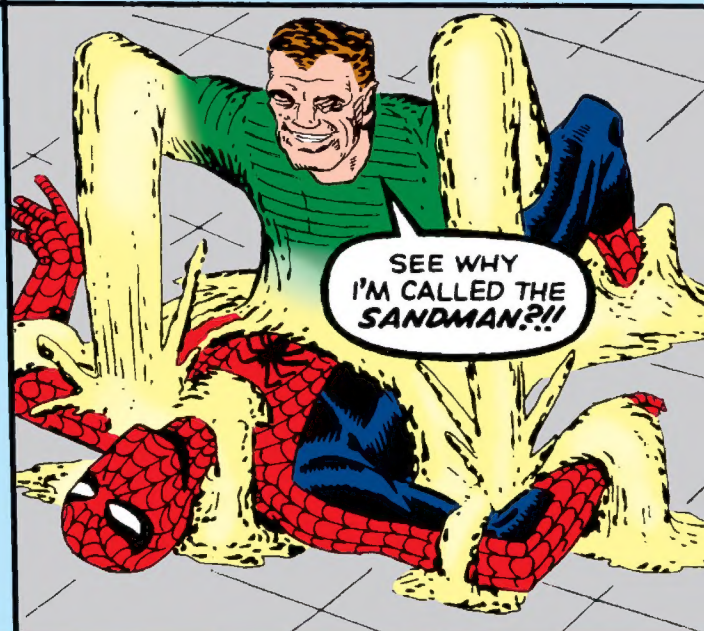
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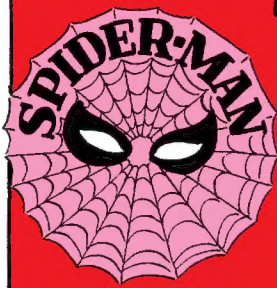
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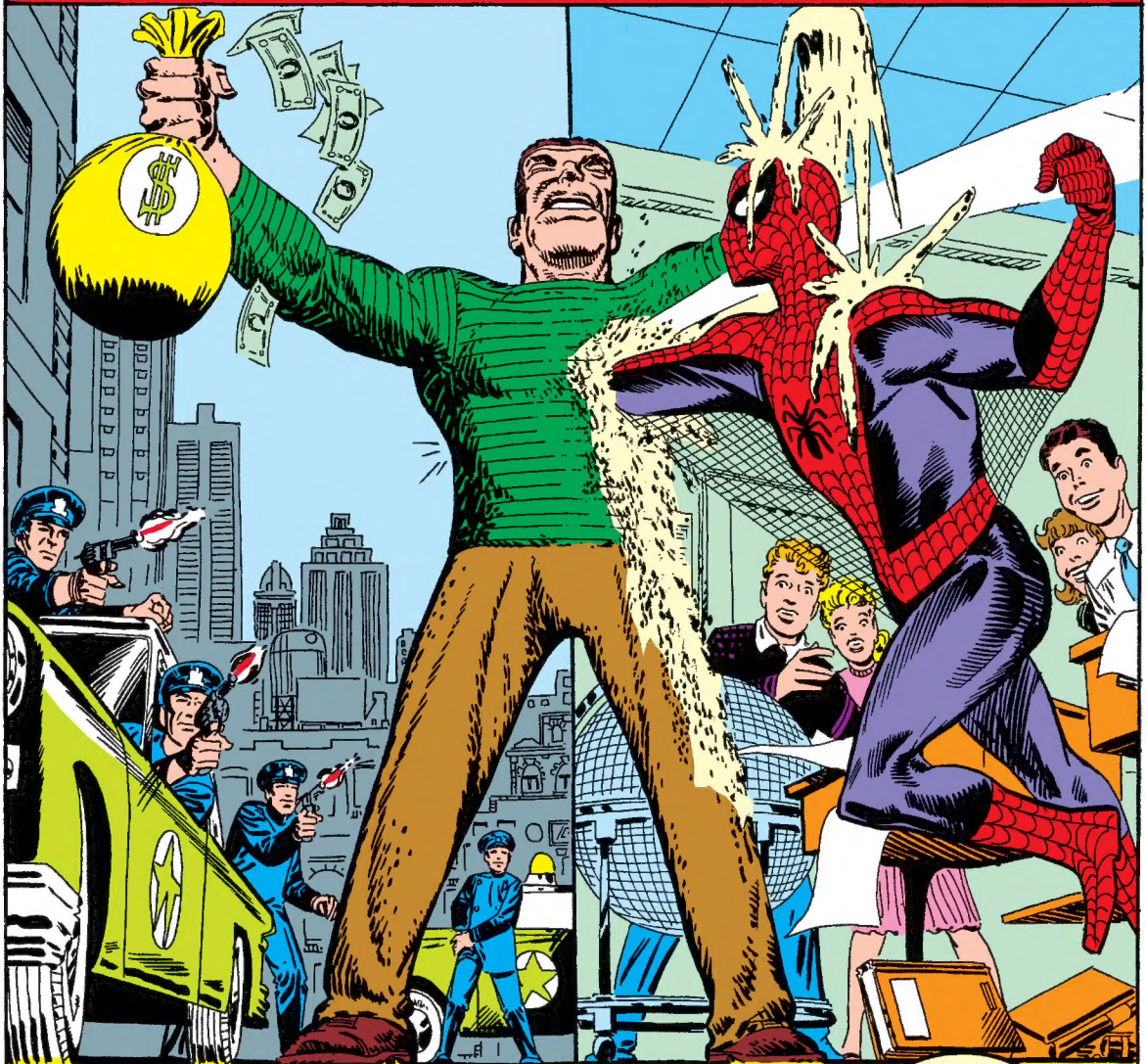
HOW CAN SPIDER-MAN  
DEFEAT A FOE WHO  
CANNOT BE INJURED??  
DON'T DARE MISS.....

**"NOTHING CAN STOP..  
THE SANDMAN!"**





# "NOTHING CAN STOP... THE SANDMAN!"



IN THE SPACE OF ONLY THE FIRST THREE ISSUES, YOU READERS HAVE MADE **SPIDER-MAN** ONE OF THE GREATEST, MOST PHENOMENAL SUCCESSES IN THE HISTORY OF SUPER CHARACTERS! AND NOW, WITH THIS RECORD-BREAKING FOURTH ISSUE, **SPIDER-MAN** SOARS TO STILL GREATER HEIGHTS AS HE BATTLES THE MOST FANTASTIC FOE OF ALL! SO, SETTLE BACK FOR THE THRILL OF YOUR LIFE--THE FATEFUL MOMENT WHEN **SPIDER-MAN** MEETS--THE **SANDMAN**!

by  
*Stan Lee*  
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KNOW WHAT NEW YORK'S BIGGEST TOURIST ATTRACTION IS? GRANT'S TOMB? EMPIRE STATE BUILDING? NOPE! IT'S A COLORFUL CRIME-FIGHTER NAMED **SPIDER-MAN!**

LOOKS LIKE OL' J. JONAH IS STILL GUNNIN' FOR ME IN HIS PAPER! SOME GUYS JUST **NEVER GIVE UP!**

**"The SPIDER-MAN MENACE!"**  
A NEW SERIES BY  
**J. JONAH JAMESON**  
STARTING TODAY IN THE DAILY BUGLE

WELL! WELL! IF I EVER SAW THREE PUNKS CASIN' A JEWELRY STORE, I SEE IT **NOW!**

I WAS **RIGHT!** NO SOONER DOES THE PROPRIETOR LOCK UP FOR THE NIGHT AND HEAD FOR HOME, THEN THEY START SNEAKIN' UP TO THE PLACE!

HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' **ON??**

WHO'S THE WISE GUY?

IT FEELS LIKE A PIECE OF **WEB** DROPPED DOWN ON US! BUT... WHO...?

WELL, IT'S NOT DR. KILDARE!

**SPIDER-MAN! WE'RE SUNK!**

**SHUDDUP, STUPID! I'LL HANDLE THIS!**

IF YOU'RE THINKIN' OF PUTTIN' UP A **FIGHT**, BROTHER, LET ME WARN YOU ...

A FIGHT? THE ONLY FIGHT I'LL PUT UP IS IN **COURT!** I'M SUIN' YOU FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY, AND I GOT WITNESSES TO **PROVE** IT!

**YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!**

THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST THREE HONEST CITIZENS WALKIN' IN THE STREET AT NIGHT! THEN **YOU** COME SWOOPIN' DOWN ON US, SCARIN' US OUTTA OUR WITS! YOU'RE A **MENACE**... JUST LIKE J. JONAH JAMESON SAYS!

HE'S **RIGHT!** I WAS A **FOOL!** I SHOULD HAVE WAITED TILL THEY BROKE INTO THE STORE! **NOW** I'VE NO EVIDENCE!

DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE A **JERK**, PARADIN' AROUND IN PUBLIC IN THAT GET-UP??

A **FINE** WAY TO TALK TO A SUPER-HERO! BUT WHAT CAN I **DO** ABOUT IT?

HEY, LET'S SWEAR OUT A WARRANT AGAINST **SPIDER-MAN!** I'LL CALL A COP! **HELP, POLICE!**

THIS IS **BATTY!** THEM CALLING FOR HELP AGAINST **ME!**

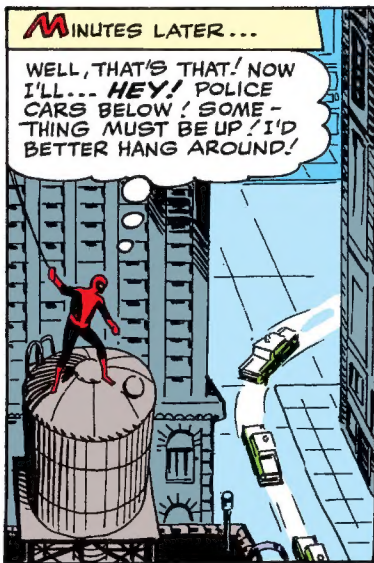
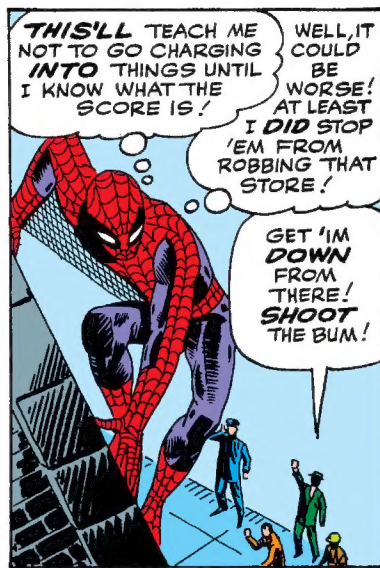
**POLICE!!**

BOY, YOU NEVER CAN GET A COP WHEN YOU **WANT** ONE!

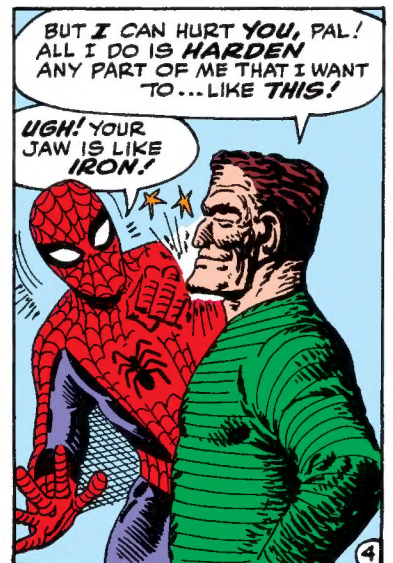
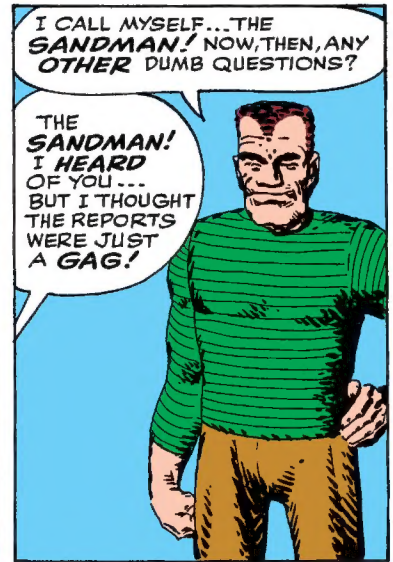
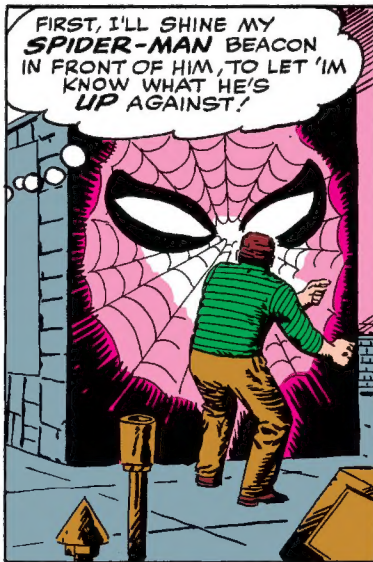
WE'LL **HELP** YA! **HEY, POLICE!**

I SEE ONE COMIN' **NOW!**

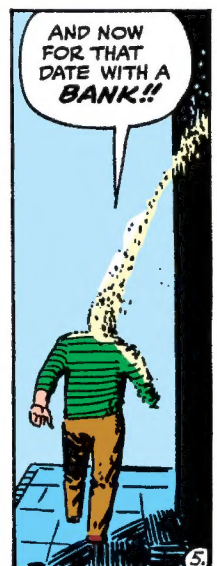
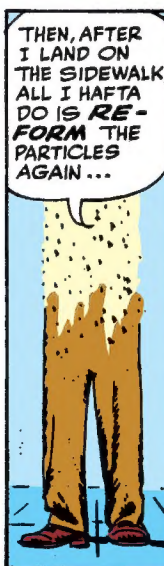
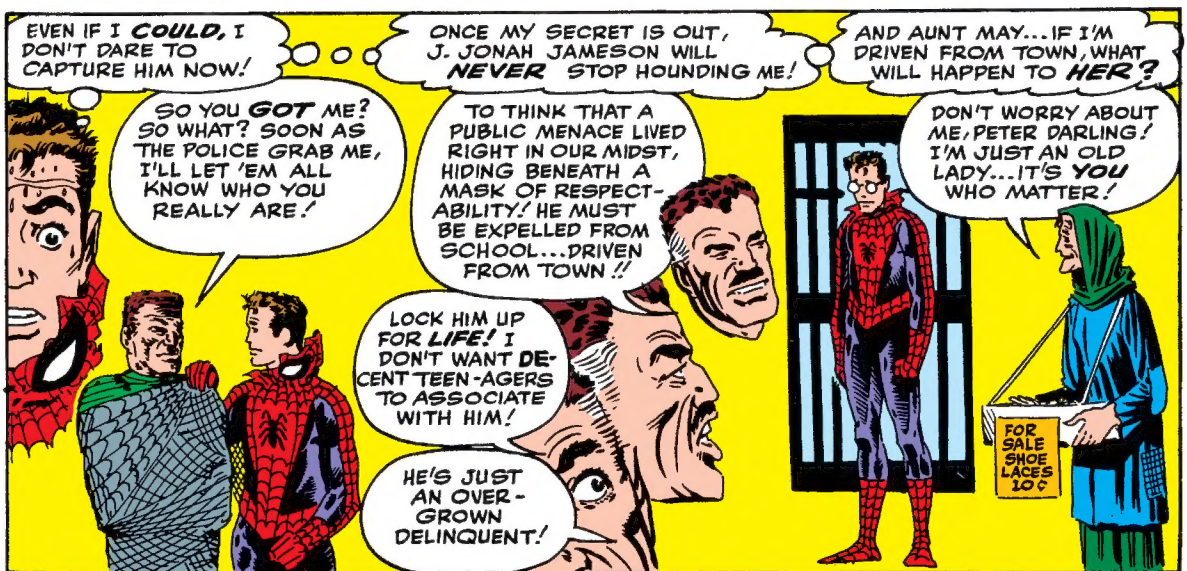












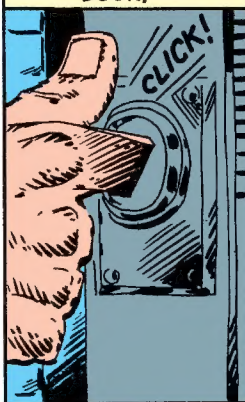


REACHING THE BANK, **SANDMAN** REFORMS THE PARTICLES OF HIS INDEX FINGER INTO THE SHAPE OF A BLANK KEY...

THIS IS EASIER THAN USIN' BURGLAR TOOLS!



INSERTING HIS FINGER INSIDE THE LOCK, THE "KEY" TAKES THE EXACT SHAPE OF THE LOCK ITSELF, ENABLING IT TO MOVE THE TUMBLERS, THUS OPENING THE DOOR!

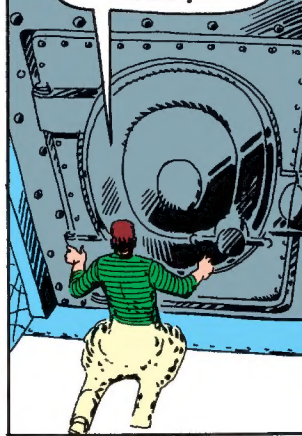


ONCE INSIDE THE BANK, **SANDMAN** THEN SLIDES ALONG THE FLOOR, SLITHERING UNDER THE ELECTRIC EYE BARRIER WITHOUT SETTING OFF AN ALARM!



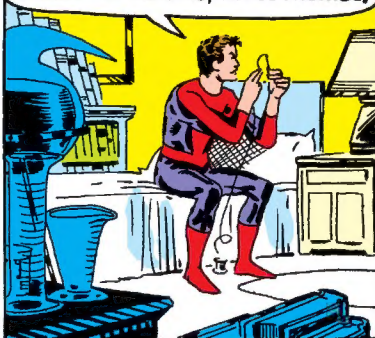
UNTIL...

SO FAR SO GOOD! NOW TO TACKLE THE MAIN VAULT ITSELF!



MEANWHILE, AT THE HOME OF **PETER PARKER**, HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE MAJOR... WE FIND **PETER**, ALIAS **SPIDER-MAN**, WRESTLING WITH AN UNUSUAL PROBLEM FOR A SUPER-HERO...

IF **THIS** DOESN'T TAKE THE CAKE!! I CAN'T GO OUT IN PUBLIC AS **SPIDER-MAN** UNTIL MY MASK IS SEWN UP, AND WHEN IT COMES TO SEWING, I'M ALL **THUMBS!**



THIS IS **RIDICULOUS!** I'M NO COTTON-PICKIN' **SEAMSTRESS!!** BUT I'VE GOT TO DO IT **MYSELF!**

I CAN'T WALK INTO A TAILOR SHOP AND SAY "SEW UP MY **SPIDER-MAN** SUIT, PLEASE" WITHOUT MAKING SOMEBODY JUST A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS ABOUT WHO I AM!



**OUCH!** DARN NEEDLE! WISH I COULD ASK AUNT MAY, WITHOUT AROUSING HER SUSPI-- **HEY!** WHAT'S **THIS??**

WE BRING YOU A SPECIAL BULLETIN! THE DREADED **SANDMAN** HAS BEEN REPORTED IN OUR CITY!



"FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH **SANDMAN'S** BACKGROUND, CHANNEL 17 PRESENTS THIS BRIEF SUMMARY: A FEW MONTHS AGO HE WAS AN INMATE AT ISLAND PRISON..."

"KNOWN AS **FLINT MARKO**, HE WAS THE MOST INCORRIGIBLE PRISONER AT THAT MAXIMUM SECURITY JAIL! THEN, ONE NIGHT, HE ESCAPED THRU AN UNGUARDED DRAINAGE TUNNEL!"

"VOWING NEVER TO BE RECAPTURED ALIVE, HE HEADED THE F.B.I. LIST OF MOST WANTED CRIMINALS AS HE MANAGED TO REMAIN ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE PURSUING LAWMEN!"

"BUT, AS THE POLICE DRAG-NET DREW EVER TIGHTER, HE HID IN THE ONE PLACE WHERE NO ONE WOULD IMAGINE A MAN WOULD HIDE--AN **ATOMIC DEVICES TESTING CENTER!**"

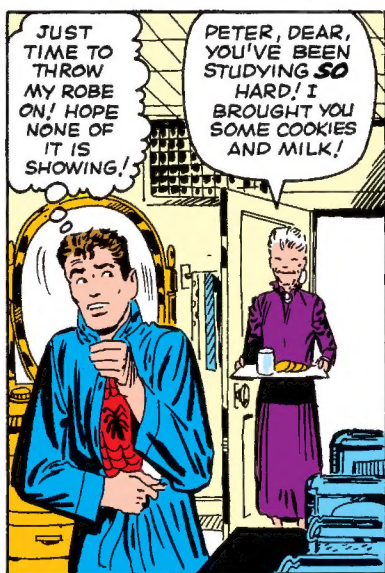




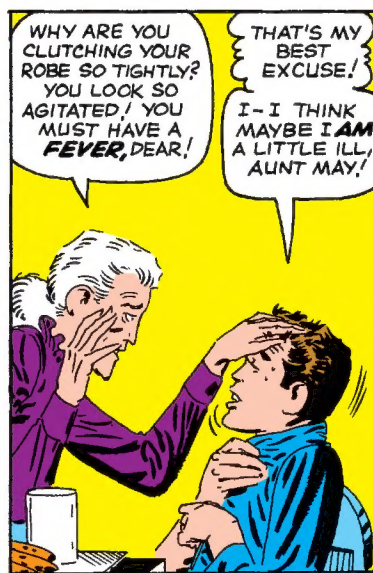
"REALIZING IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE HE COULD HAVE A MEASURE OF SAFETY, HE REMAINED ON THE LONELY, FORBIDDEN-AREA BEACH, UNTIL THE FATEFUL DAY THAT A NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSION CAUGHT HIM UNAWARES."



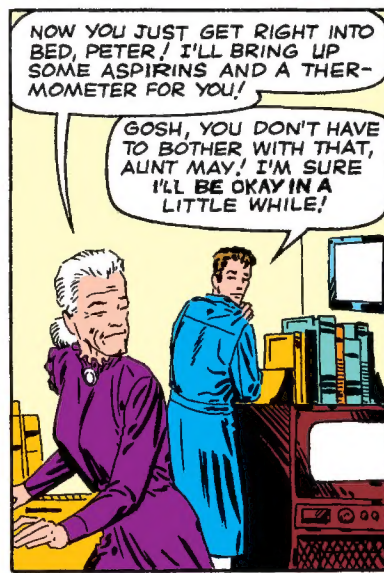
"BY SOME INCREDIBLE ACCIDENT, THE MOLECULES OF HIS BODY MERGED AT THAT RADIO-ACTIVE INSTANT WITH THE MOLECULES OF THE SAND UNDER HIS FEET, AND HIS BODY TOOK ON THE QUALITIES OF THE SAND ITSELF-- BECOMING VIRTUALLY **INDESTRUCTIBLE!**"



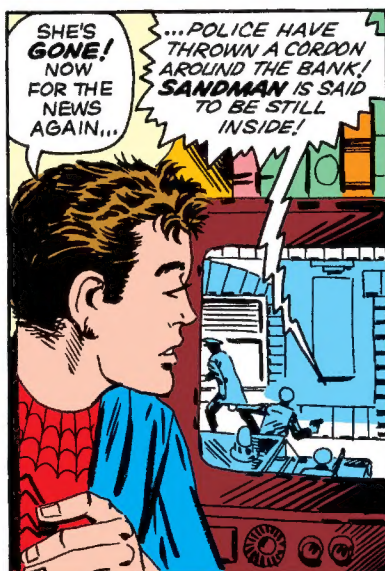
PETER, DEAR, YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING **SO** HARD! I BROUGHT YOU SOME COOKIES AND MILK!



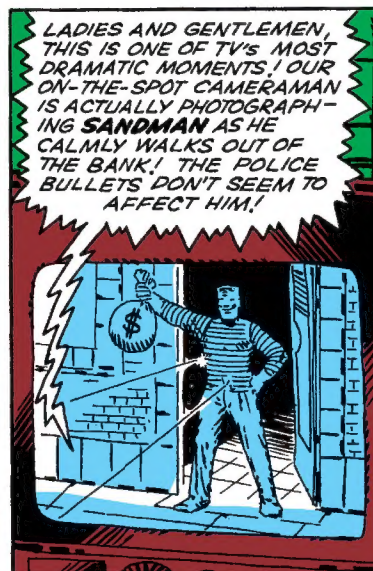
THAT'S MY BEST EXCUSE!  
I-I THINK MAYBE I **AM** A LITTLE ILL, AUNT MAY!



GOSH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER WITH THAT, AUNT MAY! I'M SURE I'LL BE OKAY IN A LITTLE WHILE!



...POLICE HAVE THROWN A CORDON AROUND THE BANK! **SANDMAN** IS SAID TO BE STILL INSIDE!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS ONE OF TV'S MOST DRAMATIC MOMENTS! OUR ON-THE-SPOT CAMERAMAN IS ACTUALLY PHOTOGRAPHING **SANDMAN** AS HE CALMLY WALKS OUT OF THE BANK! THE POLICE BULLETS DON'T SEEM TO AFFECT HIM!



MINUTES LATER...  
SANDMAN MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY! I'LL BET **SPIDER-MAN** COULD STOP HIM, IF ONLY I COULD SEW MY MASK AND SLIP AWAY FROM AUNT MAY!

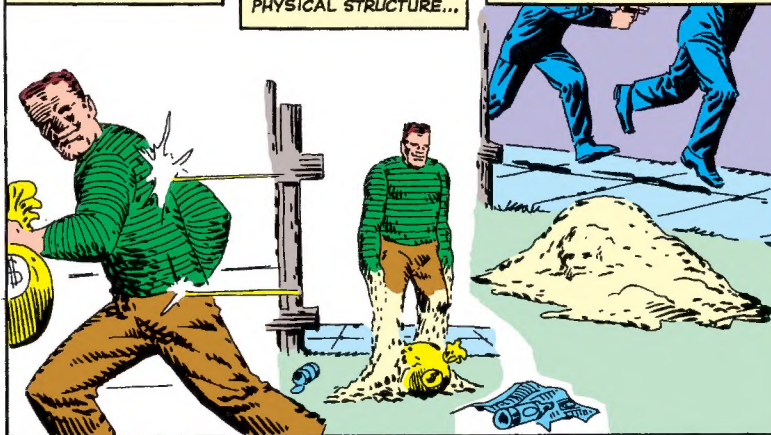
YOU'LL BE JUST FINE AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, DEAR! YOU'VE JUST BEEN STUDYING TOO HARD!



MEANWHILE, THE **SANDMAN** RACES THRU THE CITY, WITH THE PURSUING POLICE RIGHT AT HIS HEELS...

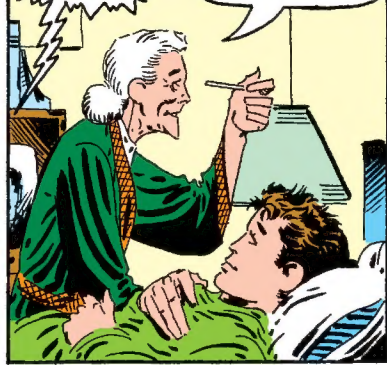
SUDDENLY TURNING A CORNER, HE DROPS HIS STOLEN MONEY-BAG AS HE WILLS HIS RADIATION-AFFECTED BODY TO CHANGE ITS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE...

...AND THE UNSUSPECTING OFFICERS RUN PAST! FOR WHO WOULD THINK TO SUSPECT WHAT LIES BENEATH AN INNOCENT-LOOKING MOUND OF **SAND** IN A VACANT LOT?!!



THE NEXT MORNING...  
...AND, THOUGH **SANDMAN** HAS MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE, THE POLICE ARE KEEPING CONSTANT VIGIL...

HMMM, YOU SEEM BETTER THIS MORNING, DEAR, AND YOUR TEMPERATURE IS PERFECTLY NORMAL! I'LL FIX YOU A NICE, WARM BREAKFAST AND YOU CAN GO TO SCHOOL!



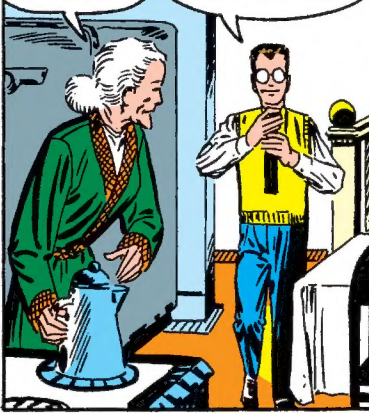
AS SOON AS HIS DOTING AUNT LEAVES THE ROOM...

SWHEW! I WAS UP HALF THE NIGHT WORKIN' ON THIS, BUT AT LAST IT'S FINISHED! SO I'LL JUST WEAR MY **SPIDER-MAN** COSTUME UNDER MY CLOTHES TODAY...



BREAKFAST IS READY, PETER! BE SURE YOU EAT EVERY DROP! I'VE GOT TO LEAVE A LITTLE **EARLY** TODAY!

THANKS, AUNT MAY! I--EH, I'LL BE A LITTLE LATE COMING HOME TODAY! I'M GOING TO STOP OFF AND SEE MISTER JAMESON ABOUT SOMETHING!



HE'S THAT NICE GENTLEMAN WHO PUBLISHES THE **DAILY BUGLE**, AND **NOW MAGAZINE**, ISN'T HE?

JUST BE SURE YOU DON'T EXERT YOURSELF, DEAR! YOU KNOW HOW EASILY YOU CATCH COLD!

AW, AUNT MAY-- I WISH YOU WOULDN'T BABY ME SO! I'M PRETTY HUSKY, YOU KNOW!



NOW, NOW, PETER, WE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL, CAN WE? HERE, TAKE YOUR UMBRELLA! IT MAY RAIN TODAY!

BOY, IF THE WORLD EVER FOUND OUT THAT **SPIDER-MAN** HAD TO CARRY AN **UMBRELLA** AND PROMISE NOT TO EXERT HIMSELF!!!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, AT THE PUBLISHING OFFICE OF **J. JONAH JAMESON**...

GOOD MORNING, MR. JAMESON!

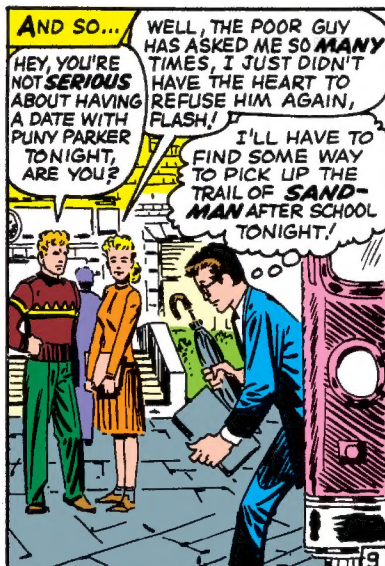
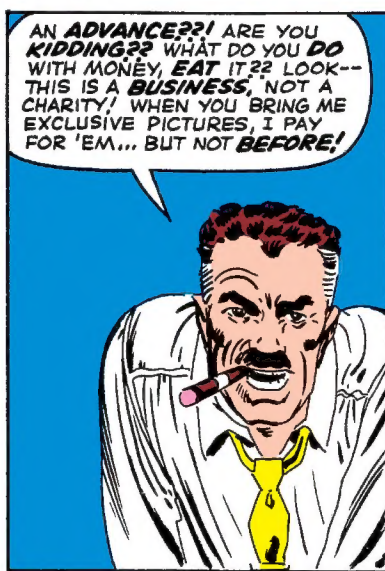
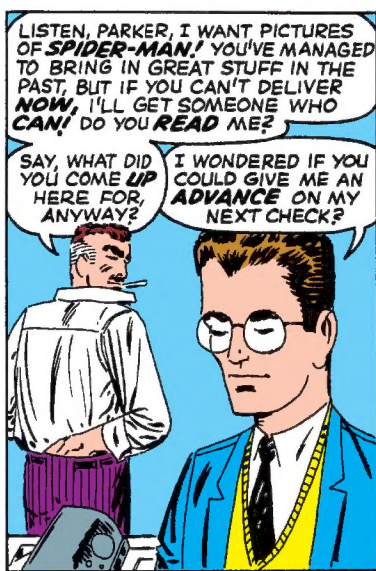
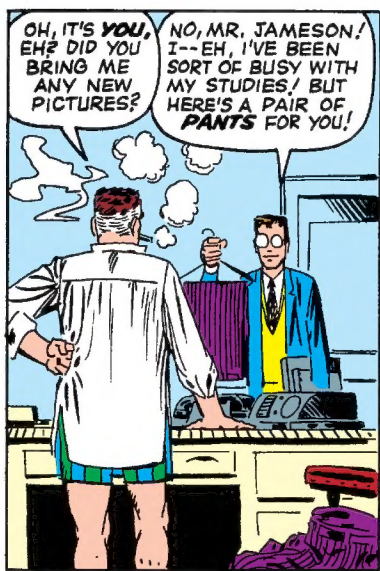
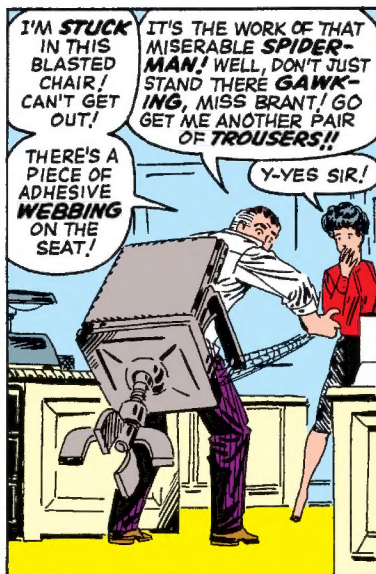
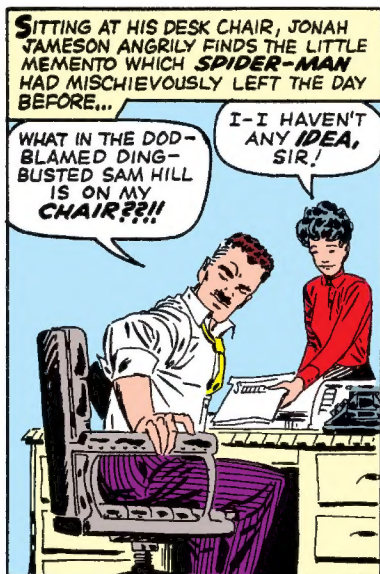
HRRMPH! BRING ME THE LATEST BULLETINS ABOUT **SANDMAN** RIGHT AWAY! ALSO, I WANT THE FILE ON **SPIDER-MAN**!



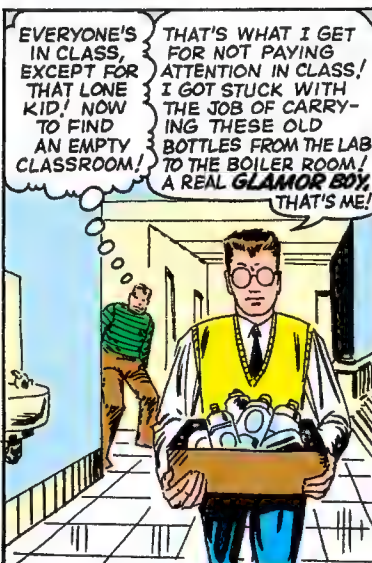
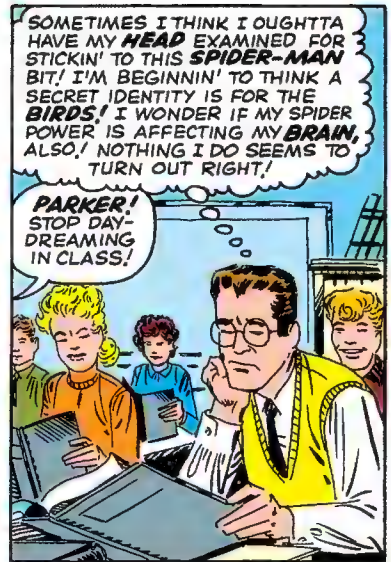
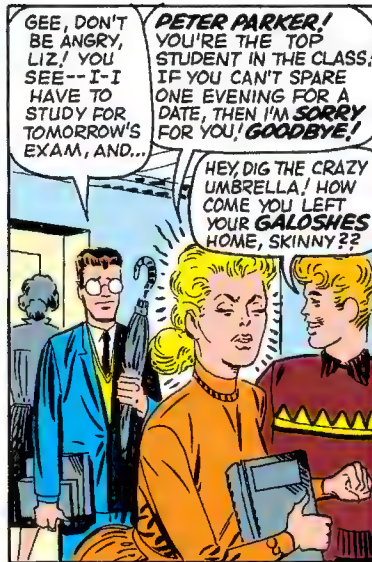
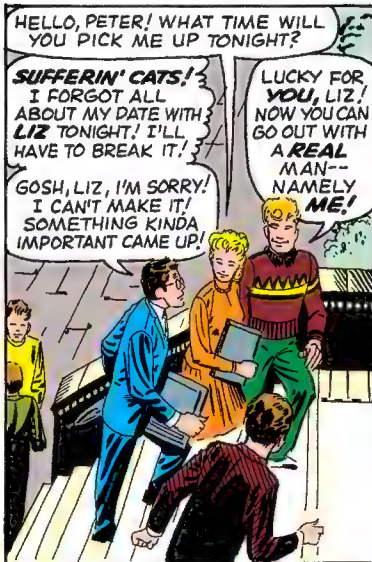
FIRST **SPIDER-MAN** PLAGUES THIS CITY, AND **NOW SANDMAN**!! I WONDER IF THERE COULD BE ANY **CONNECTION** BETWEEN THE TWO! WHAT A **SCOOP** IT WOULD BE IF I PROVED THERE IS!



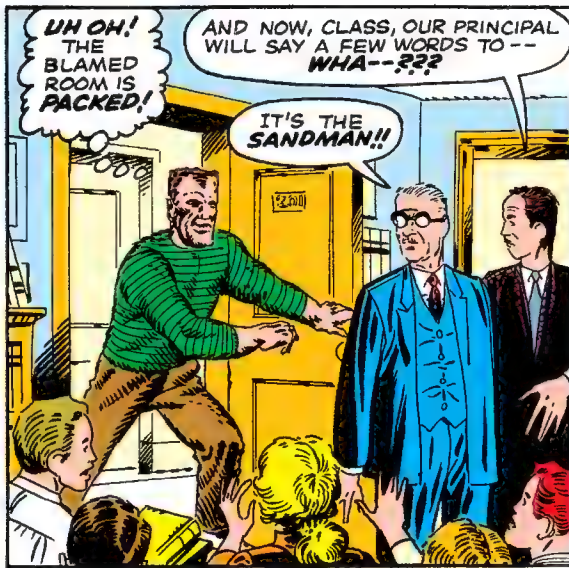








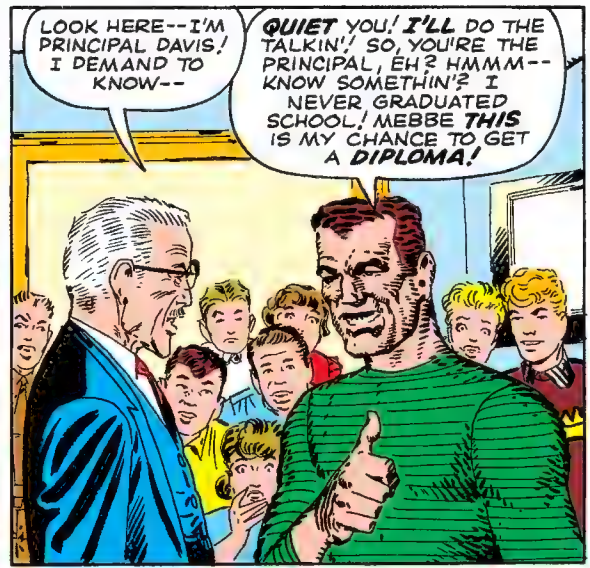




UH OH!  
THE  
BLAMED  
ROOM IS  
PACKED!

AND NOW, CLASS, OUR PRINCIPAL  
WILL SAY A FEW WORDS TO--  
**WHA---???**

IT'S THE  
**SANDMAN!!**



LOOK HERE--I'M  
PRINCIPAL DAVIS!  
I DEMAND TO  
KNOW--

**QUIET YOU! I'LL DO THE  
TALKIN'!** SO, YOU'RE THE  
PRINCIPAL, EH? HMMM--  
KNOW SOMETHIN'? I  
NEVER GRADUATED  
SCHOOL! MEBBE **THIS**  
IS MY CHANCE TO GET  
A **DIPLOMA!**



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
**TALKING ABOUT!**

WELL, YOU'RE GONNA FIND  
OUT RIGHT **NOW!** I FIGURE  
A GUY LIKE ME DESERVES  
THE BEST OF EVERYTHING!  
SO, I WANT YA TO WRITE ME  
OUT A DIPLOMA--OR **ELSE!**



**NOTHING** COULD MAKE ME DO  
THAT! A DIPLOMA MUST BE  
**EARNED!** YOUR THREATS CAN'T  
MAKE ME VIOLATE MY TRUST, OR  
MY DUTIES!

**SAY!** LISTEN  
TO HIM STAND  
UP TO THE  
**SANDMAN!**

NOW **THERE'S**  
A MAN WITH  
**GUTS!**



**STOP!** STAY BACK! THESE STUDENTS  
ARE IN **MY CARE!** ALL OF YOU--  
**RUN!** RUN HOME! CALL THE  
POLICE! I'LL HOLD HIM OFF TILL  
YOU GET  
SAFELY  
OUT!

THAT'S WHAT **YOU** THINK,  
MISTER! I'M GONNA  
TEACH YOU A LITTLE  
LESSON RIGHT  
**NOW!**

**BUT, OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM DOOR, THE RETURNING PETER PARKER HAS OVERHEARD THE COMMOTION, AND, MAKING A RAPID CHANGE, HE SUDDENLY BURSTS INTO THE ROOM LIKE A TORNADO, AS THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!!**

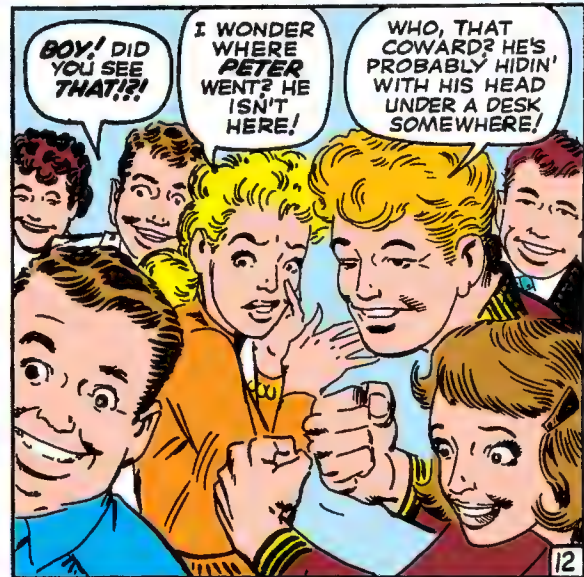
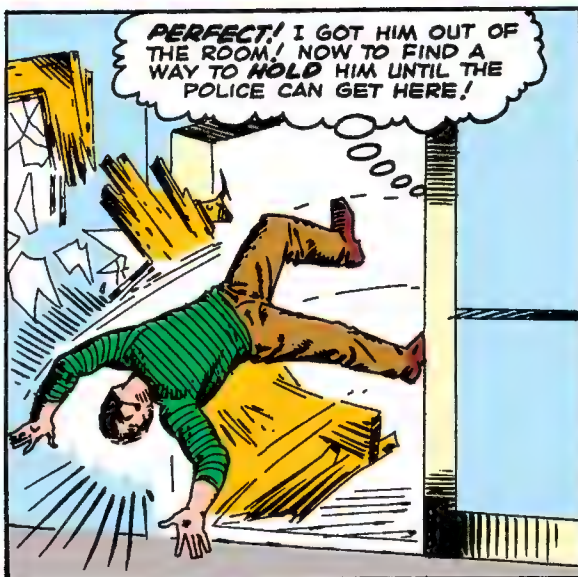
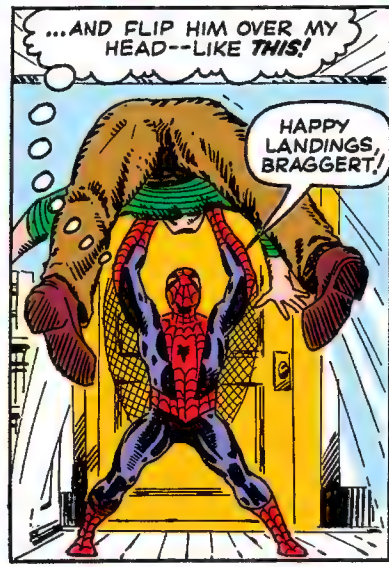
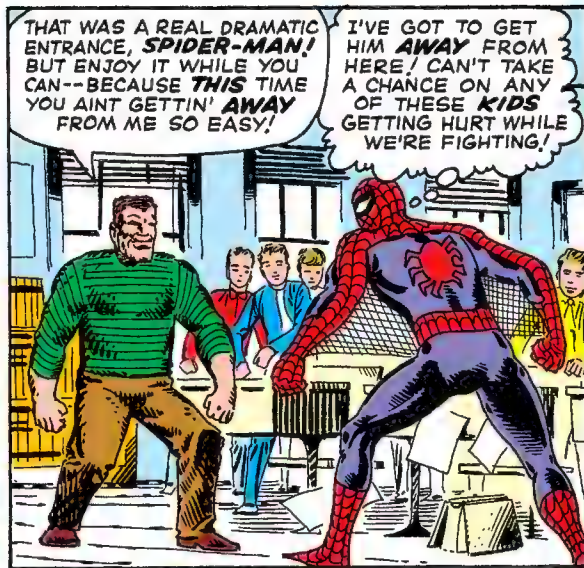


YOU'VE GOT THAT BACKWARDS,  
LOUD-MOUTH! **YOU'RE** THE ONE WHO'S  
GOT A LOT TO LEARN!

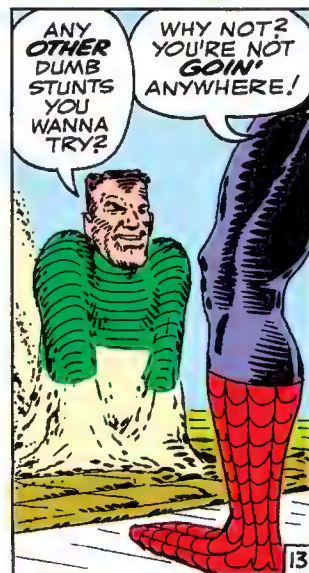
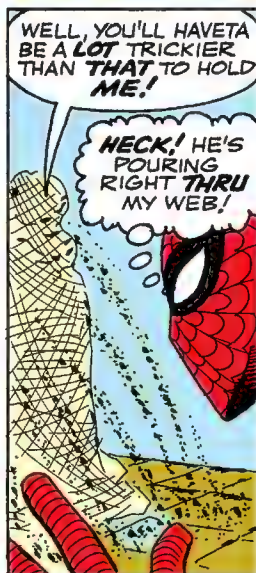
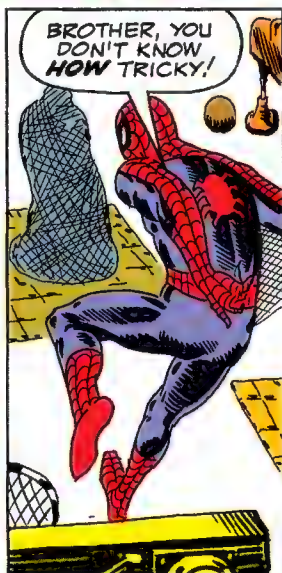
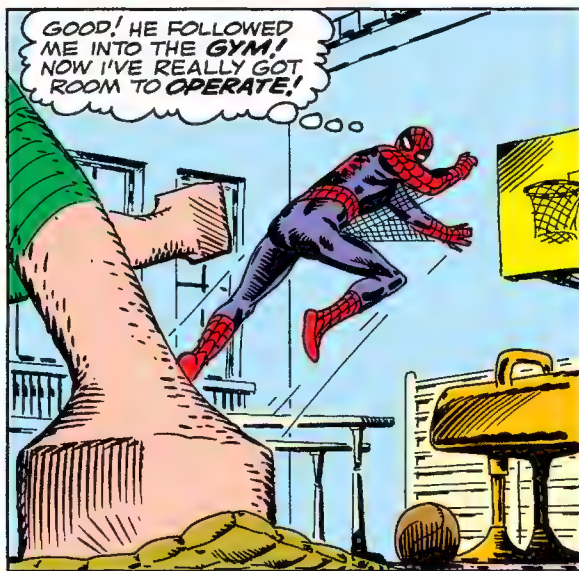
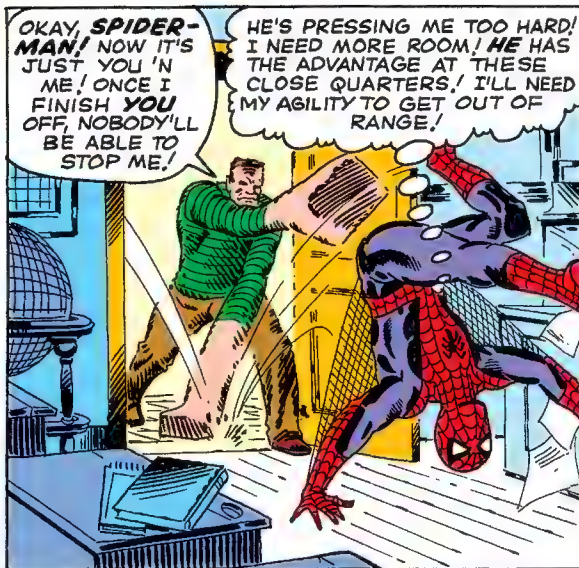
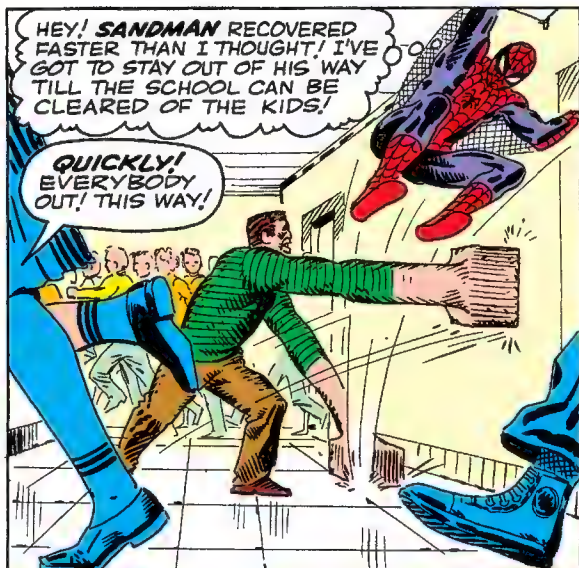
**WOW-EEEE!**  
THIS SURE HAS  
STUDYING  
CALCULUS BEAT  
ALL HOLLOW!!

**SPIDER-MAN!!**

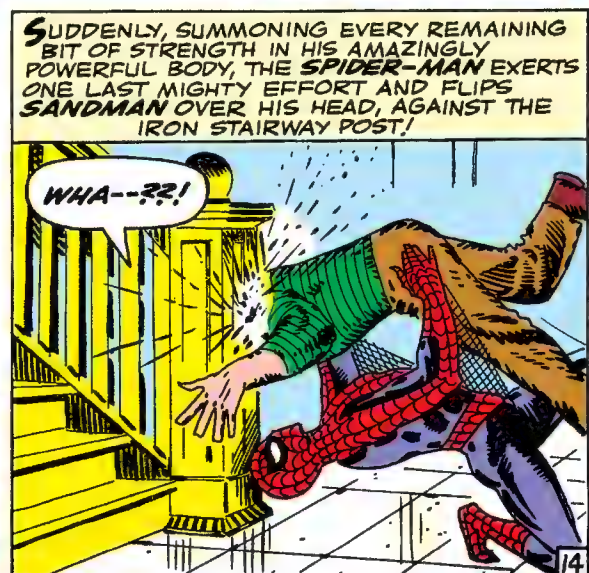
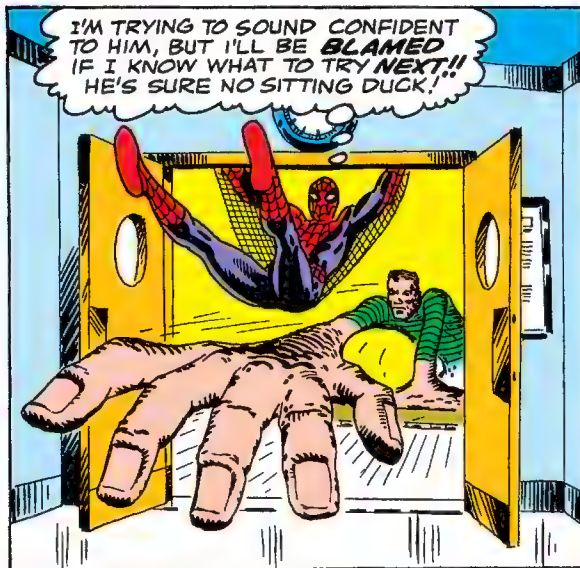








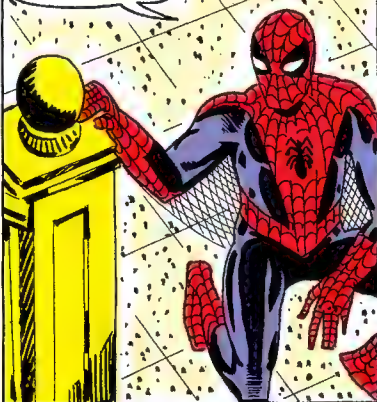






THE AWESOME CRIMINAL RELEASES HIS HOLD ON SPIDER-MAN AS HE SHATTERS INTO COUNTLESS GRAINS OF SAND...

I'M FREE!



--BUT FOR HOW LONG? HE'S **ALREADY** REFORMING THE SANDY ELEMENTS OF HIS BODY INTO A SOLID MASS!



NICE TRY, SPIDER-MAN! BUT A FAT LOT OF GOOD IT'LL DO YA!!

BOY! ANYONE WHO WANTED TO TRADE PLACES WITH ME RIGHT NOW WOULDN'T HAVE TO COAX ME VERY HARD!

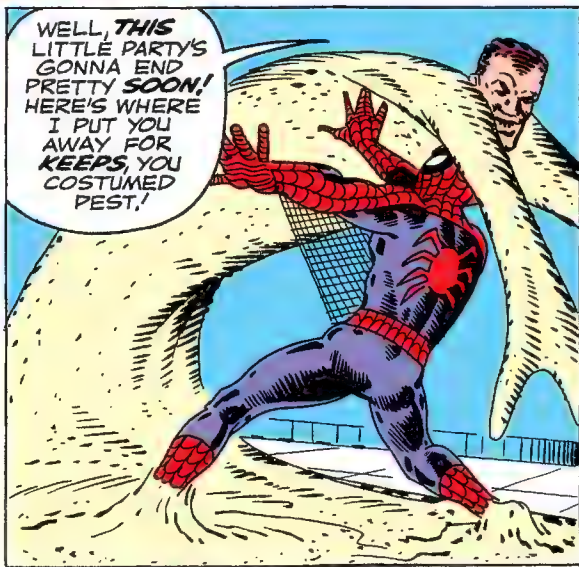


I'LL JUST LET MY GRAINS OF SAND OOOZE OVER THERE TOWARDS YOU... LIKE HAVIN' YOUR LEGS IN QUICKSAND, ISN'T IT?

I'LL BET YOU'D BE GREAT AT A PARTY! YOU'RE JUST A BARREL OF FUN, AREN'T YOU?!!



WELL, **THIS** LITTLE PARTY'S GONNA END PRETTY SOON! HERE'S WHERE I PUT YOU AWAY FOR **KEEPS**, YOU COSTUMED PEST!

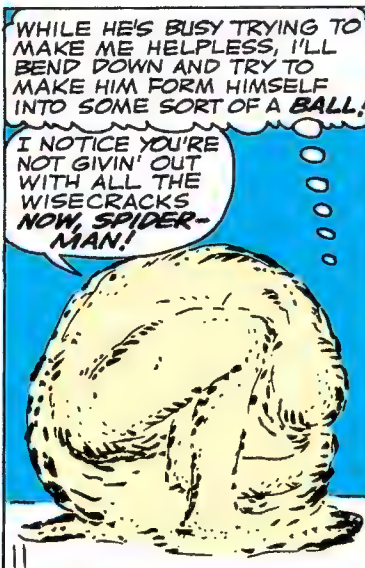


HE'S TRAPPING ME MORE AND MORE! I CAN'T BREAK LOOSE! **WAIT!** I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



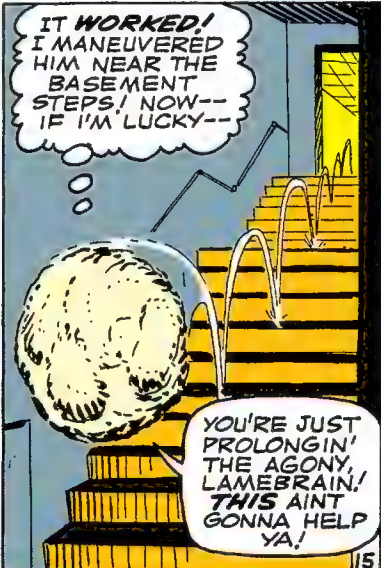
WHILE HE'S BUSY TRYING TO MAKE ME HELPLESS, I'LL BEND DOWN AND TRY TO MAKE HIM FORM HIMSELF INTO SOME SORT OF A **BALL!**

I NOTICE YOU'RE NOT GIVIN' OUT WITH ALL THE WISECRACKS NOW, SPIDER-MAN!

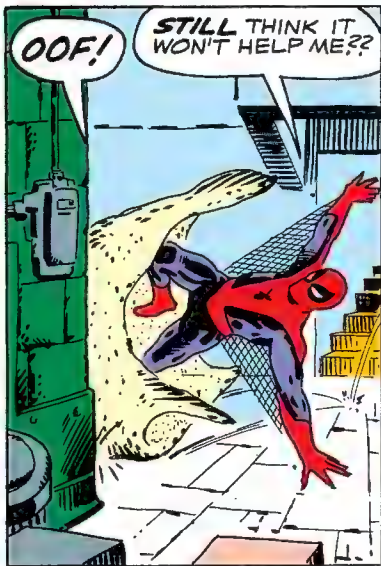


IT WORKED! I MANEUVERED HIM NEAR THE BASEMENT STEPS! NOW-- IF I'M LUCKY--

YOU'RE JUST PROLONGIN' THE AGONY, LAMEBRAIN! **THIS** AINT GONNA HELP YA!







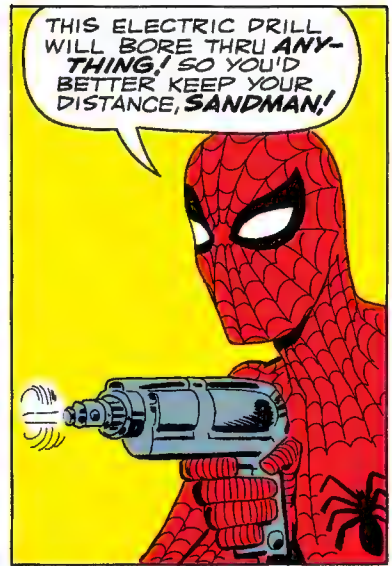
OOF!

STILL THINK IT WON'T HELP ME??



OKAY, YOU HAD YOUR FUN, NOW I'M THRU FOOLIN' AROUND!

THAT SO? I'M JUST GETTIN' STARTED!

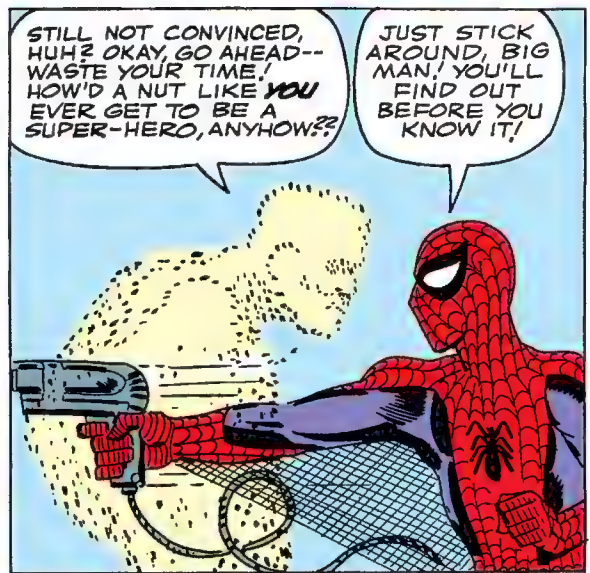


THIS ELECTRIC DRILL WILL BORE THRU ANYTHING! SO YOU'D BETTER KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, SANDMAN!



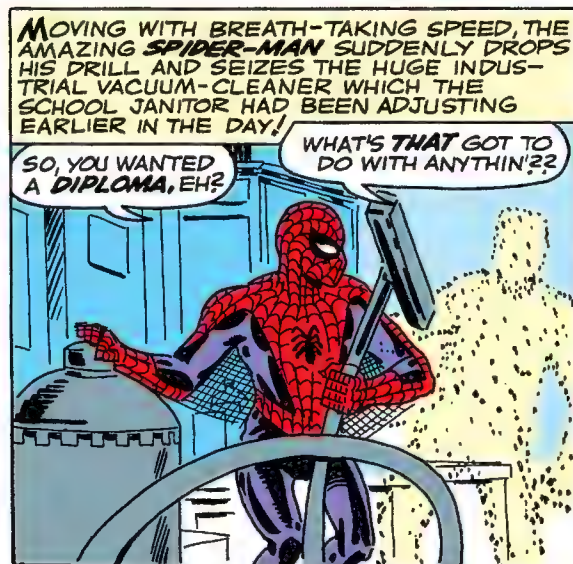
DON'T YOU EVER LEARN?? ALL I GOTTA DO IS MAKE MY BODY LIKE SAND AGAIN! THAT DUMB THING CAN'T HURT ME!

SO FAR, SO GOOD! HE DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT HIM TO DO!



STILL NOT CONVINCED, HUH? OKAY, GO AHEAD-- WASTE YOUR TIME! HOW'D A NUT LIKE YOU EVER GET TO BE A SUPER-HERO, ANYHOW??

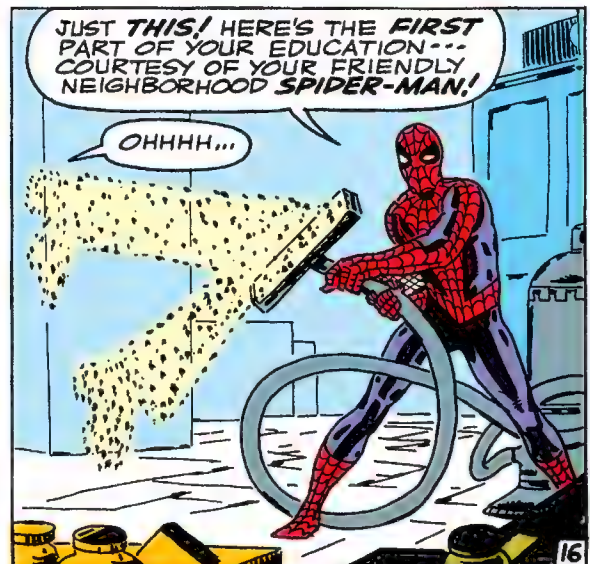
JUST STICK AROUND, BIG MAN! YOU'LL FIND OUT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



MOVING WITH BREATH-TAKING SPEED, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN SUDDENLY DROPS HIS DRILL AND SEIZES THE HUGE INDUSTRIAL VACUUM-CLEANER WHICH THE SCHOOL JANITOR HAD BEEN ADJUSTING EARLIER IN THE DAY!

SO, YOU WANTED A DIPLOMA, EH?

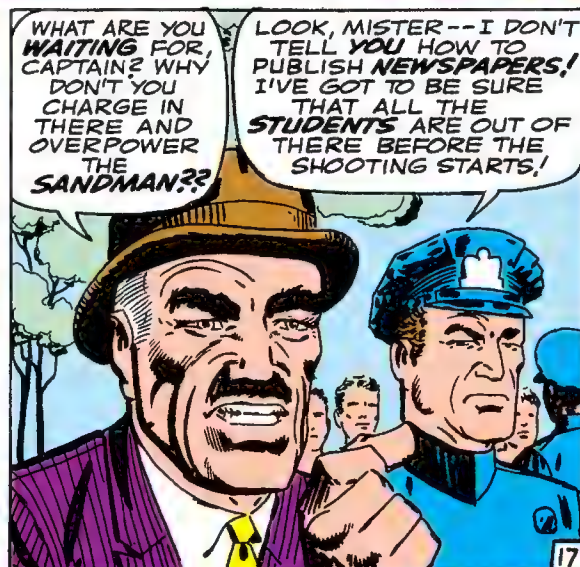
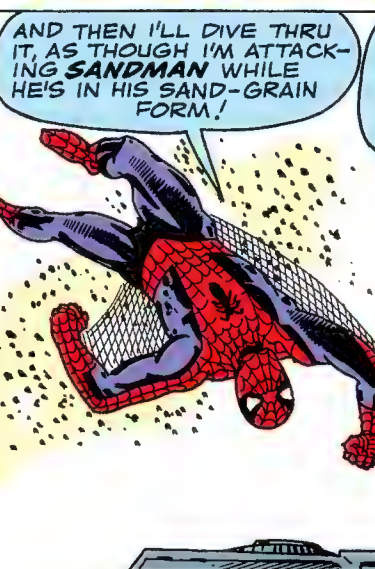
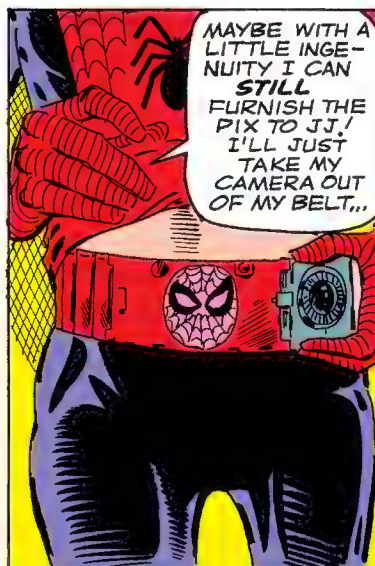
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHIN'??



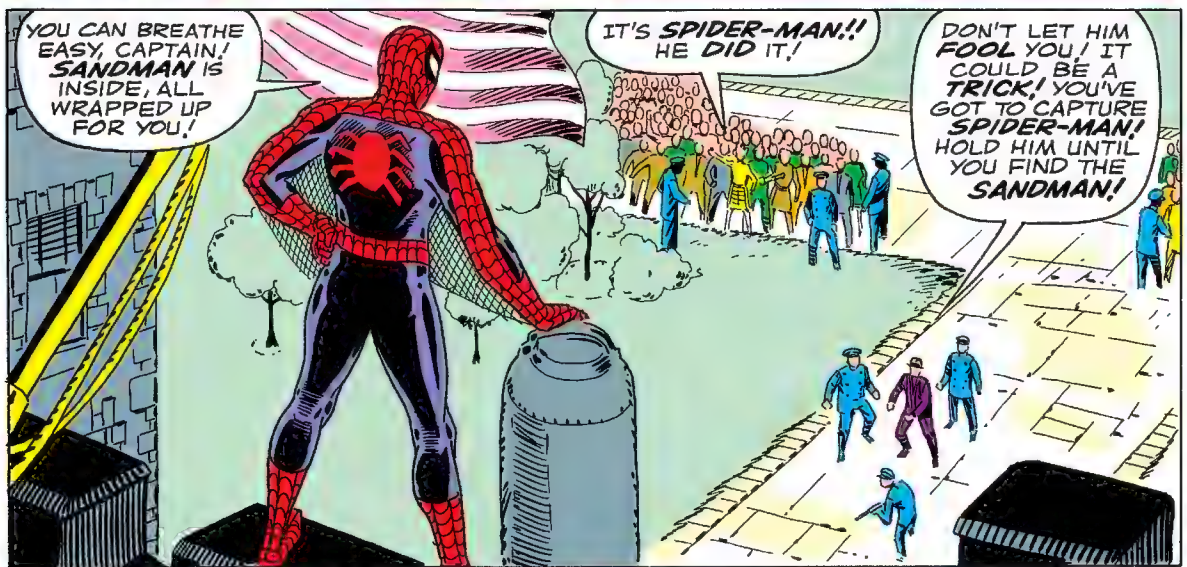
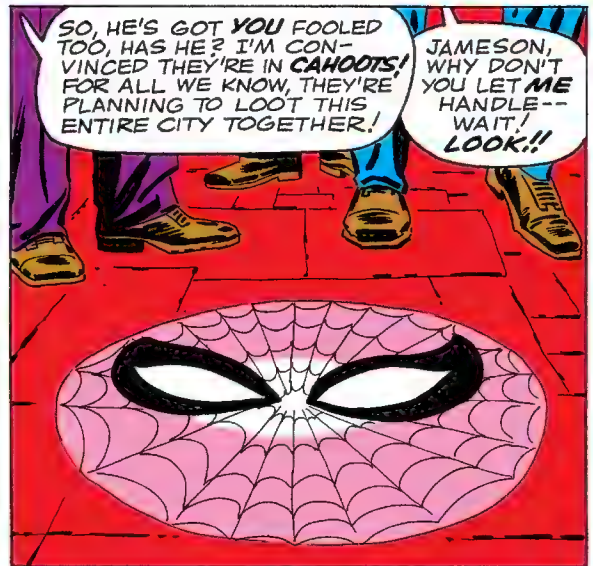
JUST THIS! HERE'S THE FIRST PART OF YOUR EDUCATION--- COURTESY OF YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!

OHHHH...

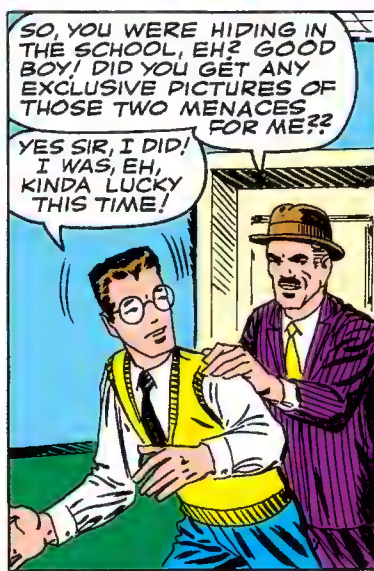
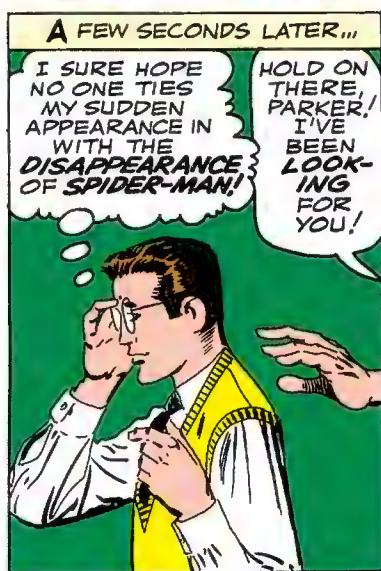
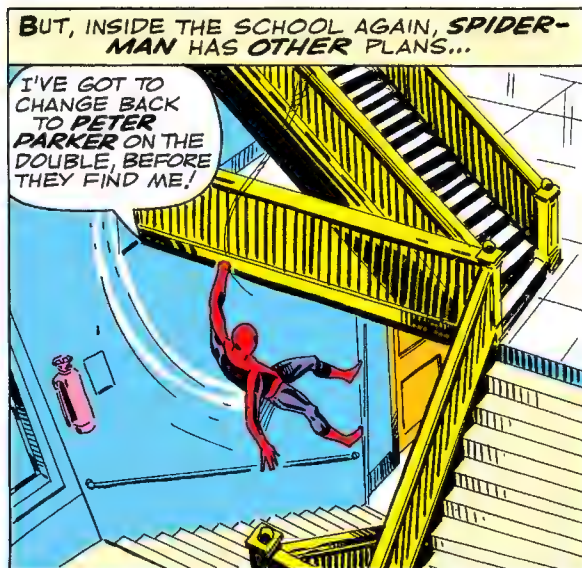
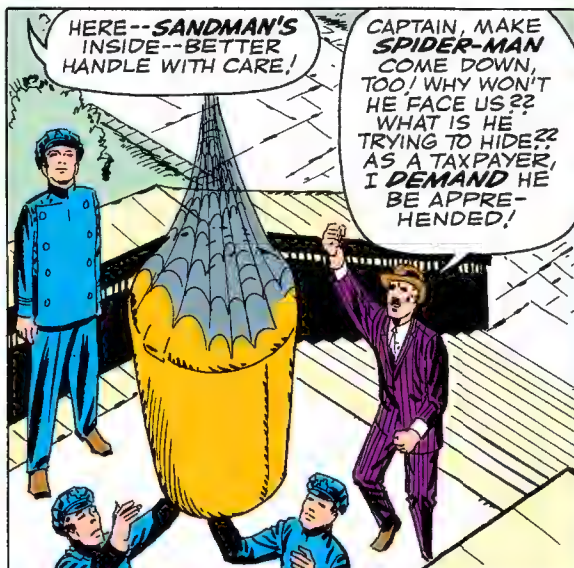




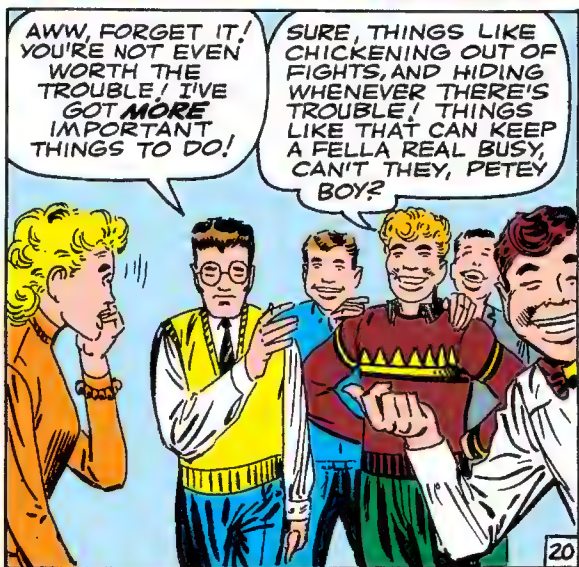
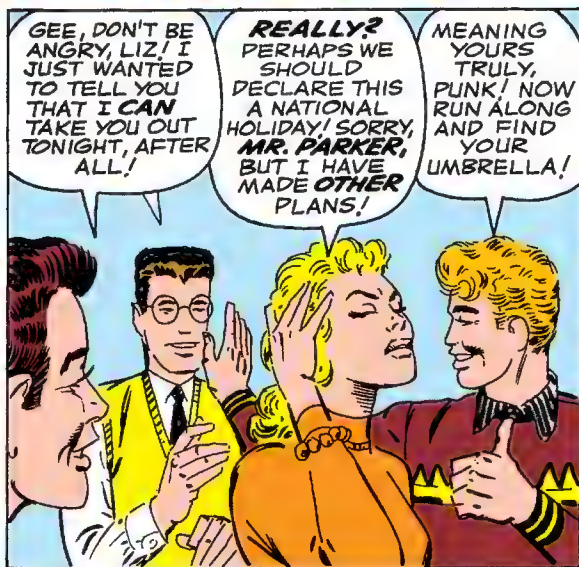
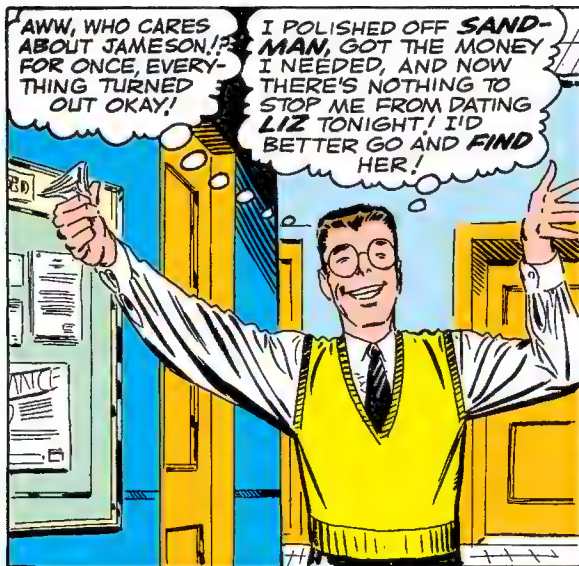




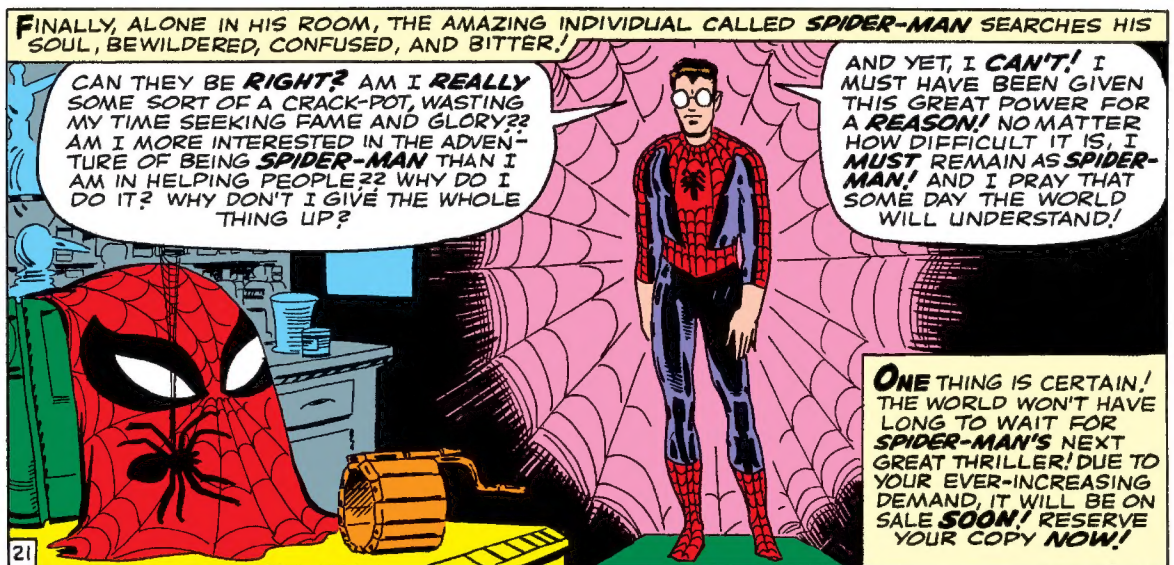
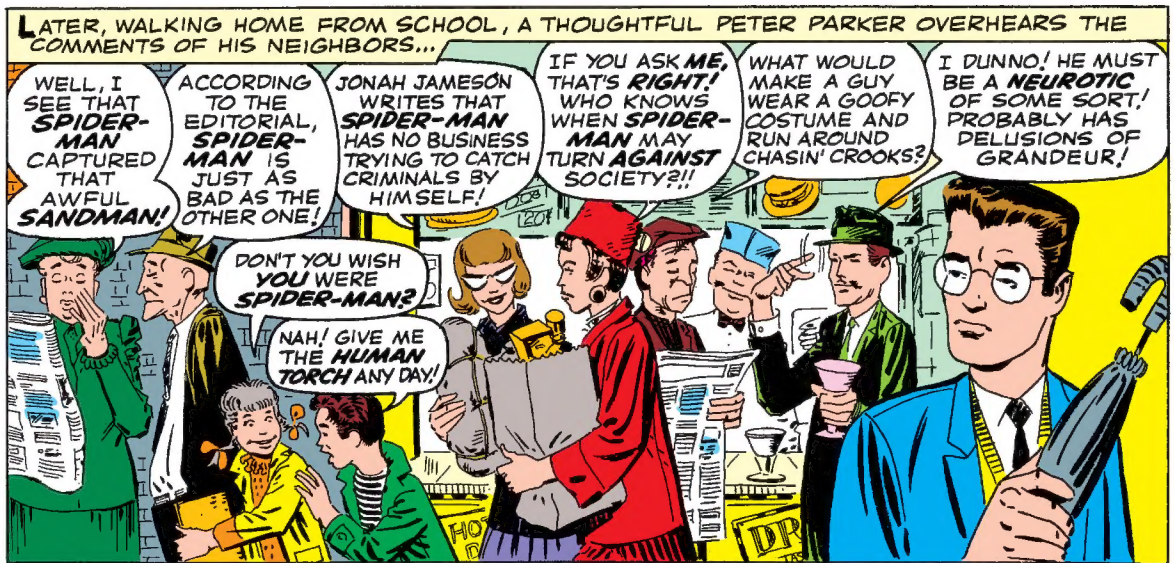
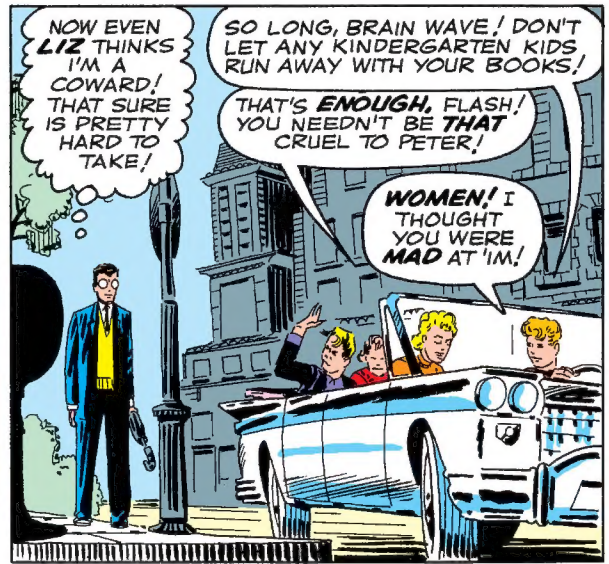
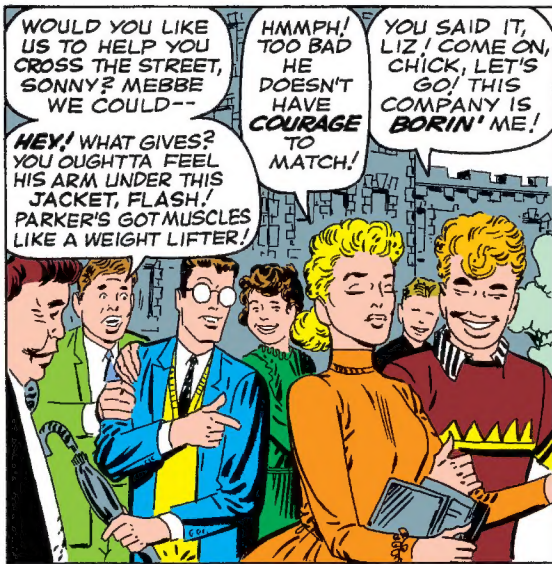




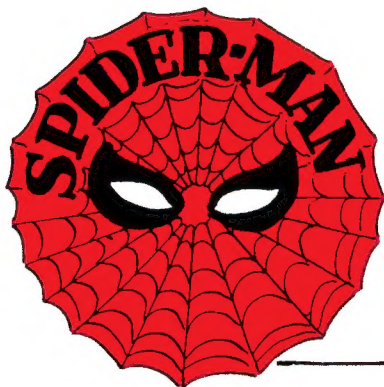












# SPIDER'S WEB

Please address  
your letters to:  
**THE SPIDER'S WEB**  
Third Floor  
655 Madison Ave.  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Stan and Steve:

*Amazing Spider-Man #2* was again very good. I enjoyed this issue somewhat more than the first issue, probably because there was more action this time. Your two stories, "Duel to the Death with the Vulture," and "The Terrible Tinkerer," were both very good. I wish Spider-Man had gotten due credit for his capture of the Vulture (not to mention the prevention of the conquering of the Earth), and I'm still waiting to see the day when Jameson will swallow his nasty remarks about our hero. The picture of Spider-Man on page 9, panel 6 was one of the best pictures yet of our hero. By the way, thanks for the picture of Spider-Man in the corner of your cover. I'm glad that the Marvel group has received this custom. It adds an extra little touch to the cover. Well, I'll be looking forward to your next issue.

Dave Bibby  
40 Hillside Ave.  
Verona, N. J.

**Thanks, Dave. Glad you like our cover trademark. We've received many nice comments from readers about it, and appreciate them all.**

Dear Stan and Steve:

I have just read a terrific new comic that is worthy of reading over and over again. It's name: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and it is great. No question about it. Well, mebbe just one. In the first half of the book, Spider-Man's secret identity is Peter Parker, but in the second half, his secret identity is Peter Palmer! Which name is right?

Gary Anderson  
East Northport, N. Y.

**Gary, literally hundreds of puzzled fans have called our attention to that king-sized error! We don't know how it happened, but to set the record straight, SPIDER-MAN's real name is Peter PARKER, and we're gonna do our best to see that it STAYS that way!**

Dear Stan and Steve:

Stan, you have struck again. If I thought the first SPIDER-MAN tale was good, I should have waited till the second and third. WOW! and a few more for flavor! The only thing I truly regret is that Steve Ditko's art distorted the Four to the point where it was agony to this dyed-in-the-wool FF fan to see them. SPIDER-MAN he can do well - I honestly can't picture him any other way - but the others . . . I suggest any more feature appearances be made by S-M (Sub-Mariner's initials?) in other magazines.

Paul Moslander  
Editor of *Jeddak*  
1206 31 Ave.  
San Mateo, California

**You're about to get your wish, Paul! Lately, it seems that SPIDER-MAN is all over the place! He has a brief guest appearance in the great FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL, on sale this summer . . . and he shares top billing with the HUMAN TORCH in the 72-page STRANGE TALES ANNUAL, also out this summer. We couldn't think of any excuse to squeeze him into the MILLIE THE MODEL ANNUAL, but we tried!**

Dear Stan and Steve:

WOW! You really did it! *Amazing Spider-Man #2* was spectacular! It was colossal! It was even better than your first great issue. You gave us new, new villains, both of whom are good. I think, however, that the Vulture was the best; he was terrific! I think he's even better than Dr. Doom, villain in *Fantastic Four*. The way the Vulture keeps looping around behind Spider-Man made me wonder if Spider-Man would defeat the Vulture at all! One of the things that makes the Spider-Man more believable and real is the fact that he does make mistakes at times. He wasn't very careful, at times, in his battle with the Vulture, and consequently, the Vulture was able to knock him out and dump him in a water-tower. Another time, Spider-Man was careless, and the Vulture almost sent him plunging to his death! But it's things like this that make the Spider-Man so great! I have some comments to make about the belt that Spider-Man now wears. As long as he uses it to keep web-fluid capsules in, it's all right with me. Just don't start having him keep a whole lot of scientific gadgets and other things in it! If you do, POW! Spider-Man is supposed to depend on his spider-like powers; he doesn't need a lot of other things in his battle against crime. Keep up the good work. Spider-Man is your best super-hero by a long shot!!! Why don't you drop the word, 'Amazing' from your title? It doesn't sound quite right.

Larry Brown  
506 Handy Drive  
Bay City, Michigan

**We kept the word AMAZING out of sentiment, because it was part of the title of the magazine which SPIDER-MAN replaced. Also, it seemed to fit Peter Parker to a T! But, as usual, we'll let our fans be the final judge. What do you say, friends? Do we drop the word AMAZING from our title, or does it remain?**



Dear Stan and Steve:

At last! Spider-Man has his own mag!!! I love your art, and the plots are terrific. His costume is the most glamorous and colorful in comic history and I think his mag will be the most liked throughout all of North America within six months. Don't get Spider-Man to join the FF though; he's the greatest by himself. He's the only super-hero I know who doesn't have money or live in luxury. I think that you should give him his own headquarters and maybe a Spider-jet with his insignia on it.

Waiting for the next issue,  
Bill Schmuck  
1140 Rock Street  
Victoria, B.C., Canada

**We're all for it, Bill, but where is a super hero without any dough gonna get his own Spider-jet?? Last we heard, he was trying to raise the down-payment on a bike!**

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Dear Editor,

I thought *Fantastic Four* was great, but the amazing *Spider-Man* is superb, excellent! Glad to see S. Lee and S. Ditko together on such a great mag. In my opinion *Spider-Man's* adventures are superb, great fantasy, plots, and artwork. If future issues are as good or better as No. 1, they'll be excellent. About *Amazing Adult Fantasy* (where SPIDER-MAN first appeared), what ever happened to it? I thought it was a great mag. The first issue of amazing *Spider-Man* was truly superb. Thanks for a great mag.

Arthur Davis Jr.  
2809 Avenham Ave.  
Roanoke 14, Virginia

*You're more than welcome, Art! As for AMAZING ADULT FANTASY, we're glad of this opportunity to explain its demise to all those who've asked about it. Judging by your mail, those who read the mag LOVED it . . . but, judging by our sales, not enough readers BOUGHT A.A.F.! So, just for kicks, we decided to create a new super character (SPIDER-MAN) and throw away all the rules, making him as original and as different as we could. We planned to present him in the final issue of AMAZING ADULT FANTASY, just to satisfy ourselves. But, the rest is history! His surprise appearance jolted readers everywhere, and we were deluged with letters demanding that he be given his own magazine. So there you are . . . AMAZING ADULT FANTASY has now become AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and a new super hero sensation has joined the Marvel galaxy of stars!*

Dear Stan and Steve:

I can tell already that the SPIDER-MAN letter column will contain fantastic rave letters, claiming that you have the art of Dali, the writing of Shakespeare, and the greatest character since Ellery Queen. Probably you will also print one crank letter, saying, "SPIDER-MAN stinks because he is a real weirdo, so why don't you give him some more powers and a romantic interest, and have him talk to spiders and befriend them, and square him with the law so as he can be a fighter for crime." Even if you won't be as good or as bad as any of the letters you print, there is certainly no denying that you have something going for you. The cover was the best ever used on any magazine you edit, the interior art of Human Torch was especially outstanding, the best treatment he has had since the "good old days," the plots were sound, and the personal touches that make your stories what they are abound. The way SPIDER-MAN "flies" by swinging from web to web, may displease the window cleaners who have to clear the webs away, but I hope you keep it, rather than have him jump or catapult himself until he is effectively flying under his own power. The scenes in the second story, on page seven, were especially effective. One gripe, and I will bring this letter to a close. Such quotes as, "My spider instincts sense danger behind me!", "That tingle I feel, my quarry is close," "I can still sense him in the dark" — all imply some vague power which has no reasonable explanation, and which is unnecessary to the story. Most super-heroes have such unexplained instincts which save the writer the trouble of thinking up a more reasonable and clever way out of plot difficulties, but I just hope you keep SPIDER-MAN out of this rut!

Rick Wood  
Bellingrath, Southwestern  
Memphis 12, Tennessee

*Aw, come on now, Rick! WHAT rut? How many OTHER super heroes do you know with spider instincts?*

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

Forgive us if we sound boastful, but we just can't help it. In the space of only three issues, SPIDER-MAN has become a comic magazine sensation! And so, we are proud to announce that, effective with this issue, the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN will be published MONTHLY!

• Many readers have written to request that SPIDER-MAN join the FANTASTIC FOUR, or team up with the HUMAN TORCH, or SUB-MARINER, or THOR, or almost any and every super character in our ever-growing lineup. However, for the time being, we would like to limit him to a few occasional guest appearances with our other heroes (which will be announced, when space permits). Stan and Steve have so many wonderful, unusual ideas for future SPIDER-MAN tales, that we don't want to do anything to interfere with them.

• Due to the unusually large demand for SPIDER-MAN, we hear that some fans have been missing issues because their dealers were sold out. May we suggest that you avoid disappointment by asking your dealer to RESERVE a copy for you in advance. Okay? Then we'll see you next month!

• Yours till Peter Parker picks a peck of pickled peppers!





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